

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 29 and amend Claims 14 and 30 and 31 to read as follows (a version of the amended claims, marked to show the changes thereto, is appended):

14. (Three Times Amended) A photovoltaic element encapsulated in a stack structure with an encapsulant resin and a surface member in an order of the photoelectric element, the encapsulant resin and the surface member, the encapsulant resin comprising a hot-melt polymer resin comprising an ultraviolet absorbing agent dissolved therein, wherein the dissolved ultraviolet absorbing agent has a concentration gradient in the direction of thickness of the encapsulant resin, wherein the concentration of the ultraviolet absorbing agent is higher at a location near a light incident surface of the encapsulant resin.

27. (Not Currently Amended) The photovoltaic element according to Claim 14, further comprising a silane coupling agent dissolved in the encapsulant resin.

28. (Not Currently Amended) The photovoltaic element according to Claim 27, wherein the concentration of the silane coupling agent is higher at a location near the photovoltaic element.